

**Notice of Allowability**

Application No.

10/732,753

Examiner

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**-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--**

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to RCE and amendment filed August 23, 2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-6, 16-21, 30-32, 37 and 50-67.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)                                | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application                      |
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|  | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____.   |

This is a non-final office action for application number 10/732,753, Vertical Slide Clip, filed on December 10, 2003. This application is a continuation of application number 09/912,098 filed July 24, 2001 and now U.S. Patent No. 6,688,069.

***Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114***

A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on August 23, 2006 has been entered.

***Examiner's Amendment***

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows:

In claim 65, line 1, "56" has been deleted and --64-- has been inserted in place thereof.

***Reasons for Allowance***

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: some of the primary reasons for the allowance of the claims in this application are the limitations of a bracket for connecting a pair or building components together, comprising a first connector plate having one or more fastener holes, a second connector plate integrally connected to the first connector plate, at least one stiffener disposed in a juncture formed between the connector plates, at least one substantially linear stiffener channel disposed on the first connector plate, one or more rows of fastener-receiving holes extending through a portion of the second connector plate, each of the one or more rows of holes being substantially parallel with any adjacent one or more rows of holes, and an endless stiffener substantially encircling the portion of the second connector plate containing the one or more rows of fastener holes, now included in independent claim 32 and in combination with the other elements recited in the claim, which is not found in the prior art of record; a vertical slide clip having a first connector plate formed from a piece of metal material, a second connector plate formed from the piece of material, at least one stiffener channel formed in the metal and being disposed in a juncture between the plates, at least one linear stiffener ridge, at least one elongated slot, and a score mark in the first plate, included in independent claim 37 and in combination with the other elements recited in the claim, which is not found in the prior art of record; and a slide clip having first and second connector plates at a right angle to each other, a first elongated slot in the second plate, a stiffener channel in the second plate and extending around the first slot, a score line in the first plate, a second elongated slot in the second plate, and a second stiffener channel extending around at least a portion

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of the second slot, included in independent claim 63 and in combination with the other elements recited in the claim, which is not found in the prior art of record.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

### ***Conclusion***


The examiner's amendment was made because it appeared that the dependency of claim 65 was in error, applicant had claim 65 depending from claim 56.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Anita M. King whose telephone number is (571) 272-6817. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Carl Friedman can be reached on (571) 272-6842. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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